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CHINA OPENING DOORS TO AMERICAN TRADERS

Plans Afoot to Divert Business from Japanese.

Anxious to have as little to do with Japan as possible in any way, China is making special efforts to give her former Japanese trade to the United States. Even now in Washington, the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce and representatives of China—unofficial, it is true—are working to the same end. So far as the Chinese are concerned, the move is guarded with secrecy. The huge empire is unwilling openly to antagonize Japan, at whose hands she already has suffered.

But the sending of Chinese representatives to this country this summer to negotiate for a resumption of American trade has been followed up consistently. In the spring of 1915 Chinese shippers boycotted all Japanese goods and vessels. Chinese trade leaped to American shippers. In September, 1915, the American Consul at Hong Kong reported that American goods and American shipping concerns were leading all other nations in business done in Chinese markets. When Yuan Shih Kai died American trade in China was nil.

But China's doors are opening wider and wider for this country now. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's purchase of three vessels for trans-Pacific trade is looked on with greatest optimism by the Department of Commerce.

SUFFRAGIST DENOUNCES CONSCRIPTION CLAUSE

Denouncing the "unorganized militia" clause of the Hay military law as an unbridled innovation that gives "the President—and all future Presidents—the power to conscript," the current issue of the Suffragist says:

"Necessary or not, such a law goes right to the heart of women, and it is no longer endurable that it could be adopted without their sanction."

The Suffragist declares that the women of the nation are shown to be in a state of "pitiable political helplessness."

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GERMANS INOCULATE ALLIES WITH DISEASE

France Offers Proof of New Form of Cruelty.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Paris, Sept. 24.—A new form of German atrocity—the inoculation of prisoners of war with the germs of tuberculosis—was revealed today in documents which the French government has allowed to be published.

In France the publication of the facts contained in these documents is under the ban because of the fear that the populace may become aroused. "Indisputable Proof of Germany's Greatest Crime" is the heading under which the conditions in the military prison camps of Germany are described. The French government accepts the revelations contained in the documents as incontrovertible.

The preface to the statement brands the "crime" as a "deliberate thrust below the belt" against all the world, and states that 1,000 Frenchmen already have been infected with the disease and that thousands of men of other nations have been subjected to similar suffering.

There are now 13,000 French and thousands of British conscripts in Switzerland, recently dumped out of Germany, in an advanced stage of the disease, because they were no longer useful as prisoners.

The report is the work of Mme. Karen Abramson, a Danish author, well known for her writings in France.

The report is supplemented with affidavits made by physicians of the Geneva Red Cross and by discharged prisoners themselves. They assert that the conscriptive prisoners are sent among the healthy ones.

QUIZ FOR PILLSBURY IN VALUATION HEARING

Resumption of hearings by the Public Utilities Commission on the valuation of the Potomac Electric Company's properties will depend upon the date of the return to Washington of Charles L. Pillsbury, chief engineer of the valuation bureau. He has been summoned as an expert witness. Mr. Pillsbury will be questioned particularly in regard to his estimate that the reconstruction value of the properties is \$9,965,000. He is expected here this week.

The report of Andrew Sangster, chief accountant of the bureau, placed the reconstruction value at \$11,529,000.

Final appeal to the courts still is predicted by persons who have followed the course of the inquiry.

D. C. SEWER MAINS WILL SERVE SUBURBS

Plan Expected to Prevent Pollution of Potomac Above City.

A Baltimore construction company has been authorized to construct sewer mains in Prince George and Montgomery counties, Md., to connect with the mains of the District which will be extended to the District line, according to a statement of J. W. Bogley, of the Suburban Sanitary Commission, last night.

Thirty thousand people living in an area of 100 square miles will be affected by the enterprise. The action of Congress in authorizing the District appropriation bill the construction of sewers to the District line is responsible for the action of Maryland in giving out the contract.

The plan, as proposed, is to have all the sewage of the nearby suburban towns in Maryland run through the District mains, the cost to be defrayed by the State of Maryland. It is believed that this will materially decrease the pollution of the Potomac above the city, and is a necessary measure in view of the constant rapid increase of population in the area drained.

A movement is also in progress to extend the District water mains to Maryland and allow a similar use of them. A bill will be presented in the next Congress with this end in view.

The towns of Takoma Park, Kensington, Forest Glen, Silver Springs, Hyattsville and Mount Rainier will be on the line of the new sewers. The members of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, which has forwarded the movement in Maryland, are William T. S. Curtis, of Chevy Chase; J. William Bogley, of Friendship Heights, and T. H. Duckett, of Bladensburg.

The arguments of Engineer Commissioner Kutz before the District committee were largely responsible for the action of Congress in permitting connection with the District sewer system.

MICHIGAN'S BURSTED GUN QUEER SIGHT

Warship's Huge Weapon Broken Off Close to Turret.

Philadelphia, Sept. 24.—The battleship Michigan arrived Saturday at League Island minus more than half of one of her 12-inch guns. The fighting craft presented a queer appearance as she swung at anchor in midstream off the navy yard. All that remained of the ship's forward upper 12-inch gun was a butt that stuck out of the turret and looked as if the rest of the gun had been hacked away with an ax.

The novel sight was caused by the gun exploding while the battleship was conducting experimental target practice at Rappahannock Spit, in Chesapeake Bay. One man was painfully injured as the result of the accident and many of the ship's officers and crew narrowly escaped death from flying fragments.

Capt. C. B. Brittain, commander of the Michigan, missed death by a few inches when a large splinter of the gun flew past him and tore away some of the rigging.

The officers say that most likely it will need a special examining board from Washington to determine the cause of the accident. A new gun will be installed as soon as possible. This will take several weeks.

Robert W. Corbett, the man injured in the explosion, is suffering from a broken arm and severe bruises and lacerations. He is not in a serious condition.

TEAMSTERS' STRIKE MAY PREVENT MOVING

Tenants Giving Up Leases May Be Homeless.

Special to The Washington Herald.
New York, Sept. 24.—Real estate men estimate that fully fifty thousand families will move next month, that is, unless a strike of the Teamsters' Union begins next Wednesday.

October is the autumn moving month, as May is in the spring, and real estate men say that fully 95 per cent of the move will be made next month.

Should the moving men enter the strike with the other teamsters, there seems to be little doubt that they could paralyze completely that great institution of New York, the moving day. So completely does the union dominate the moving industry that very few moving men can be found who will do any moving for less than \$5 an hour which is dictated by the union.

Real estate men agreed that in case of a strike the situation would be most unusual and would cause great financial losses to both tenants and landlords.

WHOLE COMMUNITY ASTONISHED OVER CHAS. McQUAY CASE

Hundreds of People Buy Drego After Learning Actual Facts.

Since learning the facts in the truly wonderful case of Chas. McQuay, of 323 Pennsylvania avenue, Baltimore, it has caused such genuine astonishment to every one living in his community that hundreds of people have hastened to procure the medicine and are now using it.

In Mr. McQuay's signed statement he says, "I have been down in bed for weeks my muscles all drawn up, my feet were swollen and my joints stiff. I had such severe pains I could not sleep, and at times when I was up and about some, I had to walk all stooped over. I also had a bad stomach trouble and everything I'd eat would sour, form gas and gave me terrible pains in my stomach. I lost flesh and became very nervous. I have been treated in two hospitals in the city and spent lots of money with doctors and for medicine, but none seemed to do me any good."

"I got some Drego and started taking it and the way it helped me is truly astonishing. Three bottles got me up and back to work and any one in my neighborhood will verify this. All the aching in my feet is gone, the stiffness and pains in my joints have vanished like they came. I eat what I want and it agrees with me, and I've actually gained fifteen pounds in weight. If any one doubts a word of this, let them come to my house and I'll tell them even more."

Drego is sold in all O'Donnell drug stores, Bury's, in Anacostia, and Allen's, in Alexandria.—Adv

GAYETY OF AMERICA LAUDED BY BRITON

Sir Herbert Tree Comments on Dancing and Music.

(By the International News Service.)
London, Sept. 24.—Sir Herbert Tree, the famous English actor, writes in a London newspaper his impressions of America on his recent trip. He admires American gaiety especially. Sir Herbert says:

"The face, or, shall I say, the surface, of America has entirely changed since I first made its acquaintance, twenty years ago. New York largely dominates the current of the nation's life, colors the atmosphere, and dictates its fashions. As there is no twilight in the city, so are there no half-tones in the life of the people. The dusk of Broadway is chased by the blinding electric signs which dazzle the stranger as a transformation scene of some advertising fairland. But it has a beauty of its own."

The gaiety of New York at night is most striking. Dancing proceeds in all the restaurants and hotels. But the gaiety is normal and indigenous; it seems to be the natural outcome of the restless energy of the climate and the people.

"Let no one assert that there is no national American music. This new art of sound is, to the newcomer, more nerve-shattering and bewildering than that of Strauss or of the music-futurists. After the first shock the orchestral monstrosities of rag-time become haunting in their fascination. It is as though you were drawn into the depths of chaos by a maelstrom of sound."

"Yet in this riot of sound and movement there is always something respectable. It has the Latin exuberance of high spirits rather than the Saxon rowdiness of the flesh."

"The hospitality toward English visitors is prodigious. Whereas in former times there was a tendency to depreciate the English people, their manner, their customs, and their want of humor, one is struck today by the sympathetic courtesy and the better understanding with which ourselves and our work are regarded."

EX-CONVICT ENLISTS J. P. MORGAN AS ALLY

Has Obtained Work for 3,000 Former Criminals.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Sept. 24.—He walked into the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. yesterday and laid a newspaper-wrapped package on the mahogany counter. A shabby, baggy suit of black accentuated the pallor of his drawn, thin features. He removed his hat, disclosing close-cropped hair. Porters and clerks advanced upon him. He waved them back.

"I am, gentlemen, a former convict," he announced, "but I can assure you this package does not contain a bomb. On the contrary, it incloses letters from 3,000 former bombthrowers, murderers, thieves and other criminals who are now honorably employed and have given up crime for good. I found them their jobs. Thousands more now in jail are looking to me to help them similarly. It costs me from \$10 up to place a former convict. I am, gentlemen, temporarily, ah, out of funds. I want Mr. Morgan to help me. My name is Edward E. Dudding, of Huntington, W. Va."

Mr. Dudding was ushered into Mr. Morgan's office. When he reappeared he declared his request had been favorably considered. He left hurriedly for Newark, N. J., to "get a position for a man whose five-year term for forgery will soon expire."

Of the 3,000 men he has taken from jail and placed in positions, less than 100 have "fallen down," the former convict asserts.

"I had an argument with my uncle; he attacked me with a pick handle—beat me unmercifully and tried to kill me," he said. "In self-defense I shot him. I went to the State prison at Mountville, W. Va., for five years. I was released about two years ago."

HARVARD HARD HIT BY INCREASED PRICES

Egg Sandwiches, Tuition and Text-books Cost More.

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 24.—Harvard will open its gates for its 218th year tomorrow to receive upward of 4,600 students and confront them with a new schedule of tariffs. The carfare from Boston to Harvard Square still remains a nickel, but the increased prices on nearly everything else begin to take effect on leaving the subway exit.

Tuition has been increased \$50, and will have a pay-value of \$250 a year hereafter. Students who have previously had the \$150 rate will be allowed to continue at that rate while their tenure in college is unbroken, but all will begin at the new price.

It is not the tuition, however, that is going to "raise" anguish to the Harvard student. The fact that egg sandwiches, a staple article of student diet, have advanced from 5 to 10 cents, will sting the old guard more than anything else. Other food prices have been raised a nickel, and utilities and paper are up two items maintaining their former prices.

One of the biggest lunch establishments raised all breakfast prices a cent this week, and the discount books, by which \$5.50 worth of food could be bought for \$5 were abolished.

The college authorities have managed to stick to the usual prices for board. Memorial Hall, where 1,200 students eat their meals, will charge \$5.25 a week, as formerly, and the la carte items at Foxcroft Hall, another Harvard institution, will remain unchanged.

The increased laboratory fees will continue this year owing to the cost of chemicals, but the students who have to pay \$50 extra for their tuition will be exempt from laboratory fees. The prices of textbooks will reach an unprecedented level this coming year, it is said.

BOY SHOT IN WRIST AS NEGROES QUARREL

Marks Shugrue, 17 years old, of 626 Sixth street southwest, while standing at the corner of Sixth and G streets

last night was shot in the wrist by a bullet from a pistol fired by one of a party of negroes who were quarrelling on the opposite corner.

Shugrue was taken to the Emergency Hospital in the patrol wagon of the Fourth precinct. He was slightly injured and was able to leave the hospital for his home.

The police are looking for William Johnson, alias "Black" Johnson, of Gout alley, in connection with the shooting.

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GEMS WORTH \$20,000 STOLEN IN BALTIMORE

Robbers Cut Through Back of Jeweler's Strong Box.

Baltimore, Sept. 24.—Showing every evidence of careful and minute planning, a gang of safe-crackers pulled off one of the most daring robberies in the annals of this city early today when, after gaining entrance to the jewelry store of Steman & Norwig, at 213 North Howard street, they cracked a safe and secured jewelry valued at \$20,000.

The "job" was successful only after many hours of hard work and must have been completed near daylight. In making their getaway the safe-crackers left behind various tools that were used in breaking into the safe.

Incidentally the robbery was novel inasmuch as it is a departure from the usual method of forcing a strong box. Instead of blowing the safe, the cracksmen broke through from the rear and in doing so cut away a steel plate that was one-half inch thick, broke through six inches of concrete backing and chiseled a second hole in a second steel plate before they could reach the jewelry.

The robbery was discovered shortly before 10 o'clock this morning by J. Harry Norwig, one of the members of the firm. It is the custom of Mr. Norwig to visit the store at least once each Sunday to see that everything is all right. When he entered the place this morning it was to find the back of the safe, containing all the valuable jewelry of the firm, wrecked, while 25 empty trays that had held about 150 pieces of jewelry each were thrown to one side empty.

FORMER SLAVE OWNERS TO AID AGED NEGROES

Former masters and owners of slaves will once more give food and clothing to their one-time charges when ex-slaves now scattered over forty-two States meet in convention here October 23 to 30. Many of the ex-slaves have passed the century mark.

"Uncle" Nelson Keith, who is 106 years old, will be one of the speakers. Robert Lee, once a slave of Gen. Robert E. Lee, will preach a sermon, as will John Jackson, who was once the property of "Stonewall" Jackson. Old plantation melodies will feature the sessions.

Railroads have granted excursion rates and steamboat companies will assist in bringing the old men and women at reduced rates. Former slave owners have made generous contributions. John Wilkinson, of Lunenburg, Va., whose father owned 2,000 slaves, was the first to assist.

There will be a mass meeting tonight at the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church to formulate plans for the entertainment of the visitors.

Trunk straps made of steel links have been invented that are more durable than leather ones.

KILLS CHICK ON ROOF IN 3,000-FOOT FALL

British Airman Receives "Awful Knock on the Head."

Special to The Washington Herald.
London, Sept. 24.—How he fell 2,000 feet and received only "an awful knock on the head," is told in a letter to relatives from a young member of the Royal Flying Corps. Through a mishap to his aeroplane it dropped while he was leading a reconnaissance flight.

The aviator landed on a small house in one of the crowded neighborhoods of the city. Besides the destruction of the aeroplane, the most serious damage was done to the feelings of the "lady of the house." One of her chickens, from enacting on the roof, was killed. The letter says:

"I was leading a reconnaissance flight and had to go up to 3,000 feet, when I signalled to the others following by firing a pistol. The pistol exploded and hit me on the head and broke my propeller, and the back of the engine caught fire. I had only the elevator control left and could not guide her."

"The broken propeller tore a large hole in the plane. The wind carried me toward London, dropping me about 1,000 feet every minute. On the outskirts I missed a factory chimney, which was about 150 feet high, by a few feet; then I shut my eyes and dropped and landed half on a house and half in a little alley. I was covered with petrol and was not an awful knock on the head and was dazed when I hit the ground. My right wing went through a window, and the whole machine was smashed. The propeller was picked up about five miles from where I fell."

"When I crawled out with my head in my hands the first thing the lady of the house said was, 'What on earth are you doing here?' fearfully annoyed. So I said, 'I've come for tea.' She said, 'You've killed one of my chickens.' Then three policemen walked in and took my name and address."

POLICE AGAIN TRY TO LOCATE LUPTON

In an effort to locate Charles H. Lupton, the salesman who has been missing from his home at 235 Brentwood road northeast, for a week, the police have sent out another "look out" to all the members of the force.

Lupton left his home last Monday morning, presumably to go to work, and has not been heard from since. The police have made every effort to locate the missing man and his friends have been assisting in the search, but as yet no sign of him has been found. He was in ill health and has been despondent for some time.

Fined for Treating.
Marlborough, England, Sept. 24.—Four men, two of whom in accordance with a local custom, gave the two other drinks out of their beer mugs, have just been fined here under the "no treating order."

BIG NEW BATTLESHIP TO DEFY SUBMARINES

U. S. S. California Built to Resist Torpedo Attacks.

San Francisco, Sept. 24.—Lessons of the European war, especially those taught by submarine and torpedo attack, have been so well analyzed by United States naval constructors that the new oil and electric super-Dreadnought California will be able to make port in spite of numerous torpedo wounds, say navy engineers.

The 1,022 bluejackets who will man the battleship under fifty-eight officers, however, probably will divide their admiration between this, her dozen 16-inch guns and some of the many electrical devices, such as the electric potato peeler in the galley, the electric driven ice cream freezer or the electric dish washing machine, with a capacity of 1,000 dishes an hour.

Use of electricity on the California begins with her main engines, driven with motors supplied with current by generators turned by steam turbines of 25,000 horse power. There will be practically no work done on shipboard directly by steam, and the "black gang" of tradition, instead of heaving tons of coal an hour into ever hungry furnaces, will manipulate levers controlling oil burners under the boilers.

It is understood that the new torpedo and mine proof construction is gained largely by an improved method of bulkhead building. The bulkheads are to be of steel, but less rigid than the ordinary type, and resistance is said to have been increased 25 to 30 per cent.

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